



NJLA Young Adult Services Section Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 17, 2023
GSTBA Fiction 6-8 Deliberations

Section Leadership:

Katie Salerno, President
Emily Mazzoni, Vice President
Dana Vocht, Secretary
Melissa Nemitz, Social Media Manager
Jenna Ingham, Member at Large
Kate-Lynn Brown, Past President

In attendance: Vicki Wright, Maureen Herman, Jenna Ingham, Katie Salerno, Sharon Rawlins, Decon Boyer, Melanie Bruchet, Jason Weissmann, Allison Ryan, Emily Lail, Melaina Squicciarini, Dana Vocht, Emily Mazzoni, John Campbell, Heather Kristian, Ann-Marie Aymer, Jen Apgar, Becky Osowski

YASS Updates from Around the State

NJSL Report for YASS Meeting, February 17, 2023

Submitted by Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist for Lifelong Learning, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org

The 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival April 16, 2023 Trenton, NJ -

I need your help to promote this to get an audience.

Here are several PDF links to use if you would:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Film-Festival.pdf>;

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2023-Film-Festival-11x17-1.pdf>

Youth services staff in libraries are invited to encourage the youth they work with, ages 9 -18, to make their own short videos retelling the plot of a Newbery Award winning book in just 90 seconds! For more information about the 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival and how youth can submit their videos by March 3rd visit: <https://90secondnewbery.com/>.

Any films submitted by the deadline will be shown at the inaugural 90 Second Newbery Award Film Festival sponsored by the New Jersey State Library on April 16, 2023 at 3 pm at the NJ State Museum's Auditorium in Trenton (located next to the NJ State Museum). The festival will be hosted by author James Kennedy, founder of the 90-Second Newbery Award Film Festival, and co-hosted by author Chris Grabenstein.

The youth filmmakers, their family, friends and anyone interested in short films based on Newbery Award winning books are welcome to attend this free event. You'll also have the opportunity to meet and have books signed by both Chris Grabenstein (*Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library*; *The Smartest Kid in the Universe*, *Dog Squad*, *Shine!* and more) and James Kennedy (*The Order of Odd-Fish*).

Free parking is available on weekends in the State House garage and in lots adjacent to and behind the Museum. Questions? Please contact Sharon Rawlins, Youth Services Specialist, NJ State Library, srawlins@njstatelib.org.

Summer Reading Workshops-Registration is Open

The Statewide Summer Reading Committee is looking forward to having youth and adult services public library staff attend the annual summer reading workshops this year. Two of the workshops will be in-person and the third will be virtual. All workshops will be from 10 am – 1:30 pm. The dates for the workshops are:

- Friday, March 3, 2023 - Gloucester County Library, Mullica Hill (in-person)
- Friday, March 10, 2023 - Parsippany-Troy Hills Public Library Main Library (in-person)
- Friday, March 24 - Virtual workshop

Register for the workshops by going to the NJ Summer Reading [website](#). You must be subscribed to the website to access the workshop registration page.

For the in-person workshops, you're invited to bring a program idea, especially one for adults, an example of your reading logs and instructions, and/or craft sample to share with the group.

Questions? Email njlasummerreading@gmail.com.

Soliciting for Suggestions for CSLP Summer Reading Program 2026 Slogan and 2027 Theme

It's that time of year when I ask that staff in public libraries give me your suggestions for the 2026 Slogan to go along with the theme of dinosaurs and for the theme for 2027. The artist for the 2026 dinosaur themed program is **Kaylani Juanita**.

I have set up [Jamboard](#) for you to suggest your ideas. Others can see what's being anonymously suggested too, so hopefully, you can engage with each other on your suggestions. Please suggest up to five catchy slogans and themes for the all age programs that work for early literacy, children, teens, and adults and post your suggestions on the [Jamboard](#) by February 24, 2023.

Upcoming themes and slogans are:

2025: Color Our World : Colorea nuestro mundo – (Artist: Brian Floca) (Theme is **Art**)

2024: Adventure Begins at Your Library : La aventura comienza en tu biblioteca – (Artist: Juana Martinez-Neal) (Theme is **Adventure**)

2023: All Together Now : Todos Juntos Ahora – (Artist: Frank Morrison) (Theme is **Unity, Kindness, Friendship**)

Please be mindful of copyright and be inclusive to all. Upon submissions, slogans will be reviewed by CSLP Manual Committees for copyright, accessibility, and will be narrowed down to the top slogans to be voted on by CSLP membership at the 2023 Annual Meeting in the fall. Thank you! I know you'll have wonderful suggestions!

State Librarian's Monthly Update – January 2023

In an effort to keep the NJ library community informed and involved with what's happening at the NJ State Library, the State Librarian is sharing monthly update reports for libraries. [Check out the January 2023 update here.](#)

New Jersey State Library 2022 Year-End Wrap Up

As 2022 came to a close, we reflected on our accomplishments, services, and programs in our year-end report. Feel free to read the report to see how we were able to support New Jersey libraries in better serving their communities this past year.

[Click to View Full 2022 Year End Report](#)

CSLP Informational Packet for 2023 Summer Reading Program

CSLP had a delay in getting their catalog printed. The packets containing a cover letter explaining the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) summer reading incentives your library will receive for 2023, a printed CSLP catalog, and flyer with the code to access the online manual are being sent out to all libraries now. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Rawlins at srawlins@njstatelib.org or 609-278-2640 x 116.

2023 CSLP Manual Available Now & Here is the Code to Access It

In case you missed it, and your packet hasn't arrived yet - here's the code for NJ public library staff to access the 2023 Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading manual:

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/New-Jersey-2023-CSLP-Manual-Access-Code.pdf>

Please don't share this code with the public. School libraries don't have access to the code but are encouraged to reach out and partner with their local public libraries on the summer library program. The theme is kindness and the slogan is "All Together Now."

Events/Campaigns from Other Organizations

School Library Journal's 5th Annual Middle Grade Magic Virtual Event, Thursday, March 9, 2023

Join *School Library Journal* for their fifth annual Middle Grade Magic virtual event, a day-long celebration of authors and creators dedicated to crafting literature for children ages eight through 12. Get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at some of the most anticipated new titles for kids and tweens, from modern coming-of-age tales to eye-popping graphic novels to immersive fantasy.

Attendees will also have the opportunity to check out the virtual exhibit hall, chat directly with authors, download educational resources, and enter to win prizes and giveaways.

For [more information and to register](#)



On **April 4th**, join Penguin Random House, *Library Journal*, and *School Library Journal* for our [Spring 2023 virtual book and author festival](#), a free day-long event celebrating reading, authors, and librarians everywhere! As we lead up to **National Library Week**, enjoy a day packed with author panels and interviews, book buzzes, virtual shelf browsing, and adding to your TBR pile. You'll hear from many of your favorite authors, whose work runs the gamut from **Picture Books to Young Adult titles** to the best new **Fiction and Nonfiction for adults**. There is something of interest for every reader.

To [Register](#).

Be There Certificate

The Born This Way Foundation is a nonprofit started by Lady Gaga and her mother that's dedicated to supporting youth mental health. The course is a free, self-paced online mental health course called the [Be There Certificate](#), a comprehensive and engaging online course for young people and youth advocates to learn how to support each other through a mental health struggle. The course is available in English, Spanish, and French. Here are PDFs of two-pagers of the Be There Certificate and the educators guide with more information.

https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022_BeThereCertificate_SocialTwoPage-r-1.pdf and

<https://www.njstatelib.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/EN-Be-There-Certificate-Educators-Guide-FY23.pdf>

Here are additional video testimonials if you're interested from Lady Gaga and members of the most recent Advisory Board class regarding the Certificate:

- Lady Gaga ([#1](#), [#2](#), [#3](#))
- Advisory Board alum Salsa Utariani (she/her) ([link](#))
- Advisory Board alum Samuel Lee (he/him) ([link](#))
- Advisory Board alum Roman Sidig (he/him) ([link](#))
- Advisory Board alum Laurens-Jan (he/him) ([link](#))
- Advisory Board alum Sophie Szew (she/they) ([link](#))
- Advisory Board alum Saloni Khushal (she/her) ([link](#))

- BONUS! Barney the Dog ([link](#)) and Simba the Cat ([link](#))
- Should you have questions, contact Shadille Estepan, shadille@bornthisway.foundation

Grants from Other Organizations

ALA's Great Stories Club Grant Opportunity

ALA invites library workers to apply for [ALA's Great Stories Club \(GSC\)](#), a thematic reading and discussion program that engages teens who are facing difficult challenges through literature-based library outreach programs.

[Visit the project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by **March 15, 2023**.

TBBC

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled has recently launched a new site in Spanish, making it easier for Spanish speakers to learn about NLS services:
<https://www.loc.gov/nls/es/>

Liz Burns and Jen Apgar presented two different sessions at ALA's recent LibLearnX Conference.

The Shop Talk session was titled That All May Read: Resources for your Print Disabled Community

The Learning Lab session was titled Exploring Accessible Materials and Library Partnerships to Serve the Print Disabled Community

Both sessions were well received and had a great turnout.

Submitted by Jen Apgar japgar@njstatelib.org

NJASL

1. NJASL 2023 Spring Mini-Con: Hope & Healing
 - a. Saturday, April 1, 8:30-1:45
 - b. \$10 Registration Fee; All are welcome
 - c. Registration and details: <https://njasl.org/event-5165845>
2. Book challenges and concerns about School Boards continue
 - a. Make sure to report any materials challenges to the Rapid Response Team:
rrt@njasl.org

3. Conference 2023
 - a. *A World of Stories: A Celebration of Diversity in School Libraries*
 - b. Hard Rock Hotel Atlantic City; 12/3/23-12/5/23

NJLA/NJASL Liaison, Darby Malvey (njla@njasl.org)

LLNJ

1. MentorNJ
 - a. Created your new MentorNJ Mentor Directory profile:
<https://librarylinknj.org/MentorNJ/mentors>
 - i. Feel free to also reach out to Mentors listed on the directory for help and advice!
 - b. Join us for the MentorNJ Mega Meetup
 - i. March 15, 2023 @ Monroe township Public Library
 - ii. Networking, mental health focused keynote, icebreakers, panel discussions, free professional headshots!
 - iii. Breakfast and lunch will be provided
 - iv. Free and limited to 80 registrants; sign up today:
<https://librarylinknj.org/calendar/mentornj-mega-meetup-2023>
2. Level Up Your Library Grant Opportunity
 - a. Up to \$5000 to fund improvement projects
 - b. Applications due March 31, 2023
 - c. Applications now open: <https://librarylinknj.org/projects/grants/level-your-library>

2. Registration now open for the following events
 - d. [Virtual Event with Cookbook Authors Erin Jeanne McDowell and Rick Martinez](#); **Thursday, February 23rd, 3pm**
 - e. [Super Library Supervisors Series](#); Virtual Training Series for New & Novice Supervisors
 - i. **March 29th; April 5th, 12th, 20th**
 - f. [LibraryLinkNJ's TechFest](#); In person tech talks, tech speed dating, and more!
 - i. **Wednesday, April 19th @** Morris County Library
 - ii. **Thursday, April 27th @** Cherry Hill Public Library

Reach out to Programming & Outreach Coordinator, Darby Malvey (darby@librarylinknj.org) with questions, suggestions, or ideas!

CSS

- Upcoming Meetings
 - 2/24, 3/31, 4/28, 5/26 all using recurring zoom meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86267707759>

- Looking for people to join the executive board! Contact css@njlamembers.org if you're interested.
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BCCLS

- Mock awards were held on January 10th. They went well!
 - Newberry: *How to Build a Human*
 - Printz: *All My Rage and Ain't Burned All the Bright* (tie)
 - Caldecott: *Gibberish*

LMXAC:

- LMX may be changing the way Wonderbooks are cataloged to make them easier to find
 - Fort Lee is hosting their second D&D program with expected higher turnout!
 - Monroe is looking for a PT YS librarian. Check out their website for more information
 - Piscataway is also hiring for YS staff. Check their website for more information
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OTHER

- NJYAC will be switching to Constant Contact. It will no longer be a forum style, so any updates will have to be sent to Sharon
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YASS Business, Important Information, & Reminders

GSTBA:

- Today we deliberated fiction grades 6-8
- If you have feedback about how the Google Form was compared to the old form, let Jenna know
- Next Month on March 17 we'll be deliberating fiction grades 9-12. [Here's the link to the feedback Google form](#). Please fill it out regardless of if you're coming in person
- TOP SECRET: The winners for the 28th Annual GSTBA
 - Nonfiction: *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan
 - Fiction 6-8: *Twins* by Varian Johnson
 - Fiction 9-12: *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Barnes and *The Cousins* by Karen McManus (tie)

NJLA Conference:

- Consider submitting a [poster proposal](#); the deadline is Monday, March 20.
- If you have any questions about poster sessions, let Emily know
- Melaina, Saleena, and Jenna will be hosting a pre conference workshop about advocating for teens in the library
- The schedule is being worked on. When it's done, check it out for all of the YASS panels

Social Media:

- Melissa is getting ready to post all the conference sessions on social media
- Making a flyer for Kosoko Jackson's keynote

Member Updates & Hot Topics:

- Highland Park is going to be starting a book club! Teens will be voting on the books to be read
- Jenna would like to share the [Rainbow List](#) for anyone who does collection development. Please buy them and promote them in the library!
- Applebees is doing free sundaes for summer reading again. [Apply here!](#)

YASS Exec Board:

- We're currently looking for:
 - Vice President (must have served on the exec board within the last three years)
 - Secretary
 - Member at Large
 - Social Media Manager
 - Email interest to Emily by February 24. All descriptions of job duties [are on the website](#).
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GSTBA Deliberations:

Voting on fiction 6-8 took place. [Check the spreadsheet for results](#).

Upcoming YASS Meeting:

Friday, March 17th at 9:45am. YASS business meeting will start at 10am. GSTBA grades 9-12 fiction deliberations will follow. The deliberations will be in-person only at the East Brunswick Public Library.

[Click here for the Fiction 9-12 Google Proxy Form](#).

[Click here for the snack sign up sheet!](#)



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